

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, 22 and 34 as follows:

ai SUB 1. (Amended) A multi-purpose remote office machine management system, comprising:

a microprocessor including memory operatively associated therewith;

receiving means coupled to said microprocessor for receiving at least one signal[s] indicative of [a] at least one office machine usage condition to be reported, each said at least one usage condition signal being generated by any one of contact closure and pulse level change thereof, wherein said receiving means is adapted to solely receive usage condition signals which are distinct and isolated from internally generated office machine diagnostic signals and office machine data signals;

a calendar clock [means] coupled to said microprocessor for supplying time signals indicative of date and time of day thereto;

a signal generat[ing]or [means] coupled to said microprocessor for generating signals at a predetermined time for initiating a call to a host computer and for transmitting data thereto corresponding to said signals indicative of said office machine usage conditions to be reported; and

a controll[ing]er [means] coupled to said microprocessor for altering a mode of operation for said system via commands from said host computer.

a2 Sub 33 > 9. (Amended) The system according to Claim [6] 8 further comprising means adapted to preestablish limits associated with at least one individual user to control access to said at least one photocopy machine when said limits are reached.

10. (Amended) The system according to Claim [6] 8 further comprising means adapted to preestablish limits associated with at least one group of individuals to control access to said at least one photocopy machine when said limits are reached.

a3 Sub 35 > 22. (Amended) The system according to Claim 1 wherein said means for receiving signals comprises a plurality of optically isolated signal input devices [means, wherein said plurality of input means includes means adapted for receiving electrical signals representative of contact closure, pulse counts, and combinations of contact closure and pulse count signals thereof].

a4 Sub 37 > 34. (Amended) A system for monitoring and controlling a plurality of office machines via a communication network, comprising:

a plurality of office machine control and monitoring devices of the type having at least one microprocessor including memory operatively associated therewith;

means coupled to said at least one microprocessor for receiving signals indicative of [a] at least one usage condition to be reported, wherein said receiving means is adapted to solely receive